

# Gospels

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# Understanding the Gospels

- Read them and understand as individuals
- Compare and contrast later
- Don't harmonize synoptic gospels
  - Perspective matters!

Stories matter. Many stories matter; stories can be used to empower and humanize. They can be used to rob a people of their dignity, but they can also be used to repair. **When we reject the single story, that there is never a single story about any place, we regain a kind of paradise.**

—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

# Gospels : Good News/Narrative About Jesus

- Birth
- God's son
- Life work
- Death
- Resurrection

# Relationship Among Canonical Gospels

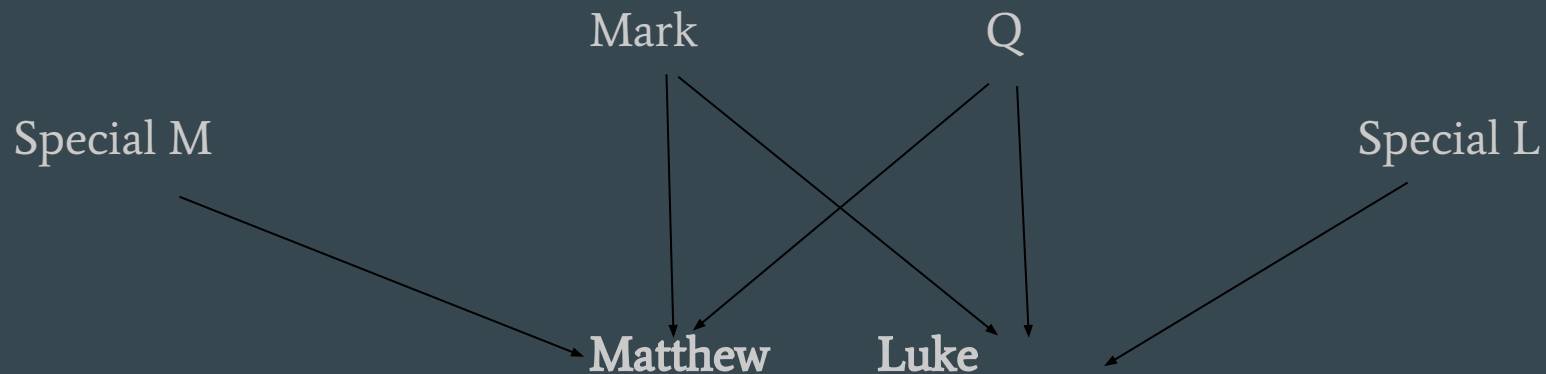
Mark: Jesus as a suffering servant

Matthew: Jesus' role as a teacher (Jewish faith based)

Luke: Jesus' birth and lifework

John: Jesus is son of God sent to abolish evil

# Synoptic Gospels



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